

Input To Governor Ritter's “Transportation Panel”

- “Colorado’s need is for more transportation funding. The need for more ‘state transportation funding’ is only a sub- set.”

Parallels Between Health Care and Transportation Costs

- **The Third-Party Payer System**

This is a two part problem:

- 1. Less fiscal restraint in demands.**
- 2. The “payer” lacks necessary \$.**

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Local Governance is Better Governance

- Decisions made “closer to home” should be better decisions. i.e., faster, more accurate, more efficient, more economical.
- Voters trust their local government. E.g., “debrucing” election success rate >90%.

Responsibility for Roads [Transportation]

- **Regional responsibility**
- **Traffic assessment**

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Some if not all current funding may be maintained (Not an Unfunded Mandate)

- Federal and state funds continue to flow to build, maintain and operate parts of the State Highway System that are returned to local/regional responsibility.
- The “short fall” between available funding and needs for capital improvement and maintenance will be dealt with by local/regional authorities. i.e., 1. Reduced expectations (fewer special features); or 2. Increased revenue (Regional Transportation Authorities, specific transportation tax, transportation impact fees, etc.).